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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE NOV 1, 1971 FROM MOSCOW
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SUBJECT: IDL

REF MOSCOW 7951 AND 7952; URUN 3957

1. I HOPE WE WILL TREAT WITH ALL DUE SERIOUSNESS SOVIET PROTESTS ON JDL ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY OCTOBER 28 SHOOTING INCIDENT (SEE ABOVE REFTEL). THE REPERCUSSIONS CAN BE VERY GREAT AND ALTHOUGH I DO NOT WISH TO BE ALARMIST, THEY COULD AFFECT PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT. INDL J SOME EXTREMISTS MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO RISK GREATER VIOLENCE IN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND THEREBY TO ATTRACT WORLD-WIDE PUBLICITY FOR THEIR VIEWS.

2. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT KAHANE BY HIS LATEST THREAT TO ESCALATE VIOLENCE TOWARD SOVIETS IN THE US HAS IN EFFECT OUTLAWED HIMSELF. CERTAINLY HIS STATEMENTS RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER

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HE HAS VIOLATED THE TERMS OF HIS SUSPENDED SENTENCE... I TRUST THAT IN THE INTEREST OF CRIME PREVENTION THE PROPER INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES ARE ACTIVELY WATCHING SITUATION. AS US ELECTIONS APPROACH, THE EXTREMISTS MAY BE EMBOLDENED TO STEP UP THEIR PACE AFTER THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR.

3. IF WE ARE TO MAKE AN ANSWER HERE TO THE TWO WRITTEN PROTESTS, I HOPE I WOULD HAVE SOMETHING MORE TO CONVEY TO KUZNETSOV THAN MERE ASSURANCES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE LEGISLATION PRESENTED TO CONGRESS IN AUGUST TO MAKE VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL DIPLOMATS A FEDERAL OFFENSE.

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